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REPORT ON 2012 GRANT PROVIDED BY LOS ANGELES COUNTY FISH AND GAME COMMISSION

Santa Clarita Valley Quail and Upland Wildlife Foundation requested and were granted \$6,300. in 2012 to build two wildlife drinkers in the Angeles National Forest north of Castaic Lake along the Old Ridge Route. This was to be part of a multi-year project to provide reliable water sources along the Old Ridge Route from Templin Highway to Highway 138. On March 20th. We had five sites approved by USFS biologist Pete Johnston and USFS Archaeologist Doug Milburn. Our first work project was scheduled for April 7th. and was to be covered by Field and Stream Magazine, however on March 19th. There was a nationwide injunction issued against the USFS prohibiting any habitat work on forest service lands. On August 10th. I was notified that the NEPA requirements had been satisfied and we could proceed with our project. Our first work party took place on September 8th. where five volunteers prepared the site for the installation of the first guzzler. On September 22nd. fourteen volunteers completed the construction of the guzzler and hand carried 300 gallons of water to put the unit in service. On December 8th. Seventeen volunteers completed the installation of the second guzzler. The construction process entails hand digging a 5ft. X 10ft. X 4ft. deep hole to accommodate the tank, construction of the metal rain apron, excavating and plumbing the big game drinker, and painting the metal structure in order to blend with the surrounding landscape.

I have returned to both sites since they were completed and see evidence that wildlife is using the water. I mounted a rain gage on one guzzler on December 23rd. and returned on January 6th. and with what little rain we received during that period (one half inch) the tanks are filling. We will mount a trail camera at the sites and forward pictures to you of wildlife benefiting from our efforts. Thank you for your support

"Making A Difference For Wildlife, One Acre At A Time" TM

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09/ 8/ 2012	5 volunteers	35 man hours	410 miles driven
09/ 22/ 2012	14 volunteers	112 man hours	1010 miles driven
12/ 08/ 2012	17 volunteers	171 man hours	1612 miles driven

Value of volunteer hours: 318 hours times \$24.18 / hour \$7,689.

Fiberglass coffin style tanks	\$3,314.
Big game drinkers	900.
Metal decking	614.
Unistrut and hardware	801.
Misc. paint, concrete, hardware	763.

Total value	\$14,080.
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